as they preponderated in the Assembly. The exclusion of Christians was a matter of grievance to them and that grievance had to be redressed.

The Member therefore requested that separate electorates might be created for Christians for the purpose of securing adequate representation in the Legislative Council and in the Popular Assembly. He was aware of the evils incidental to special electorates for particular communities but, in the present conditions, he believed that no other course was feasible. If, however, separate electorates be deemed inexpedient, the community would be satisfied if the Government devised any other method which would tend to remove the inadequacy in the representation of the Christians in the two institutions.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

22. The need for appointing a Mahomedan Judge in the High Court.

Mr. Ibrahim Pillai Sayyid Mahomed (Member, Nominated) said that, in the High Courts in British India, there was always a Mahomedan Judge. The Mahomedans numbered over two lakhs in the State and the Member requested that one from the community might be appointed as a Judge in the High Court.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

23. The necessity for amending the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

Mr. Thrivikramar Vasudevar (Member, Jenmi, Padmanabhapuram Division) conveyed the thanks of the jenmies to the Government for sanctioning, in G. O. No. J. 227, dated the 5th January 1915, the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the working of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation. He said that it was far from the intention of the Jenmi Sabha that all rights should be secured to the jenmies to the prejudice of the kudiyans. The jenmies only wished that the working of the Regulation should be improved. In regard to the constitution of the proposed Committee, he said that, unless the greatest care was taken in selecting impartial men to serve on the Committee, the condition of the jenmies might become even more disastrous than under the existing Regulation. In regard to the declaration of the Government's policy contained in para 2 of the G. O., he said that the jenmies were satisfied with it in the same way as the kudiyans.

Messrs. Iravithayar Pandarathil (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) *Narayanar Janardanar* (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) and *Narayanar Thuppan Numboori* (Member, Jenmi, Kottayam Division) also thanked the Government for appointing a Committee to examine the defects in the existing Regulation and said that, in view of the Government resolution, they would defer their remarks on the question.

Messrs. P. Narayana Pillai (Member, Chengannur taluk) and *Kora Mathan Malpan* (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) then expressed, on behalf of the kudiyans, their feelings of gratitude for the decision of the Government to appoint a Committee for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation and they said that, instead of taking up the time of the Assembly, they would place their observations and suggestions before the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—It gives me great pleasure to know that the resolution of the Government to appoint a Committee is appreciated both by the jenmies and the tenants. I assure you that the constitution of the Committee will receive the careful consideration of the Government and I trust that, when it is formed, the Committee will give satisfaction both to the jenmies and the tenants. I would also add that, when the recommendations of the Committee come before the Government, they will be most carefully considered and every endeavour made to arrive at a satisfactory solution.

24. The necessity for a legislative enactment to regulate the right of inheritance among the Ezhavas.

Mr. C. Krishnan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) stated that he had made a representation on the subject at the tenth session of the Assembly but that no

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